

### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this Application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1-11 and 14 are pending in the present Application. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and will be pursued in a further application filing. Claims 1 and 4-8 have been amended to correct cosmetic matters of form. New Claim 14 has been added to present the Applicants' invention in a claim format which does not include 35 U.S.C. § 112, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph (means-plus-function). No new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter.

### CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Official Action has objected to Claims 1 and 4-8 due to informalities.

The claims have been amended to address the informalities outlined in paragraph 1 of the Official Action.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 1 and 4-8 be withdrawn.

### REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

As Claims 12-13 have been canceled, Applicant's respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 pertaining to these claims outlined in paragraph 2 of the Official Action have been rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that any additional formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this Application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present Application, including Claims 1-11 and 14, is patently distinguished over the prior art, in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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